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Attorney General John Ashcroft

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

This letter concerns the settlement that was reached earlier this fall in the Microsoft case. We think that it was a mistake for the case to have been brought about in the first place and, at this point, the settlement should be accepted, and the matter put to rest. No company should be penalized for creative thinking.

This settlement punishes Microsoft more than enough. Microsoft will be forced to disclose information about the internal working of Windows, making it easier for computer companies to remove Microsoft programs and install similar programs from other software vendors. Microsoft will also be forced to streamline Windows so that other programs will run as well as their own in the operating system.

Additionally, Microsoft will be obligated not to seek retribution on any of the firms that originally sued it. Finally, Microsoft will submit to oversight by a government committee to ensure that it complies with the terms of the settlement.

Microsoft has agreed to all of these terms in order to shift its resources away from legal strategy. We hope that the settlement will be swiftly finalized and implemented. Thank you.

Sincerely,

John & Pat Carey